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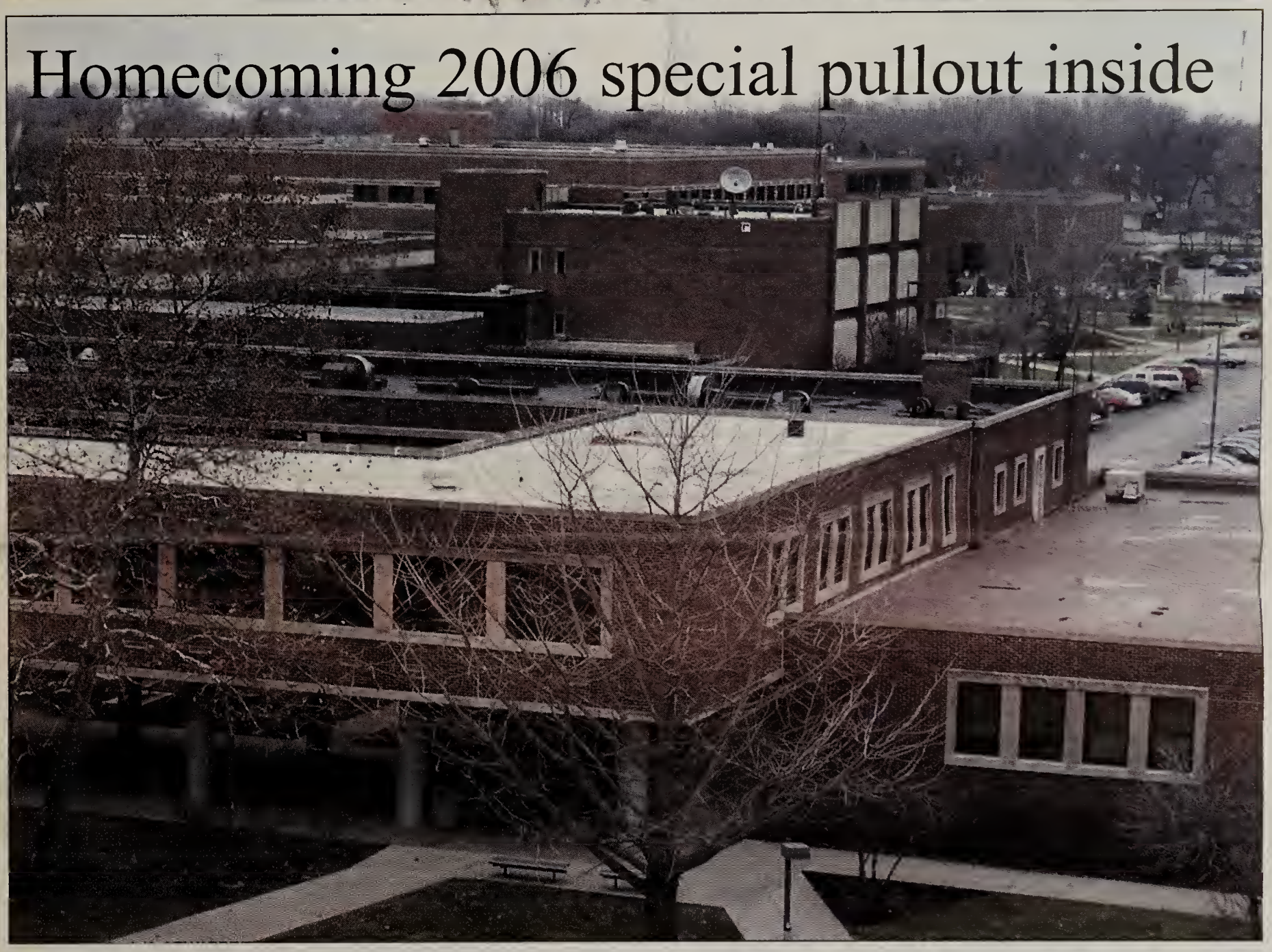

"There's no place like home"

MIKE DUFFY
Cub Reporter

Perhaps few things better demonstrate one's devotion to his or her alma mater than by taking a professional position there after graduating with a degree. Of the many PUC faculty who also possess degrees earned at the school are Rick Riddering, director of the Center for Career and Leadership Development, Kristen Harkin, assistant director of Orientation, and Shelly Robinson, associate director for career services. These alumni each have fond memories of their education and have a desire to make possible for other students the same success they enjoy.

Rick Riddering graduated from PUC in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and then received a Master of Arts from the University of Illinois. Rick reflects upon the "interesting time" he had at PUC where he helped found The Chronicle in which he worked as the first sports editor. He admires the "hands-on education" PUC offered and the closeness to faculty that was possible.

While the school has grown since he graduated, sometimes forcing him to learn how to work in a large system. He concludes that the education was "good" and "served [him] well."

Of the jobs he had, his public relations work has clearly benefited him as he oversees several invaluable campus services including PUC 101, the new student orientation program, and Career Services where over 600 students are employed.

An energetic and outgoing orientation leader, Kristen Harkin graduated from PUC in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and public relations before receiving a Master's in communication in 2005.

As a graduate student, Harkin held an assistantship which allowed her to teach classes, including Communication 104. Harkin confidently asserts that she was "absolutely impressed" with the school, calling it an "amazing campus possessing quality academic programs."

Harkin was a creative developer of PUC 101 which helps transition new students, for whom such change is often difficult, into the college environment. Harkin loves working with students (one of whom the author used to be) and continuously learns from them. She added that this is a major benefit to returning to PUC.

Shelly Robinson obtained her Bachelor of Arts in 1993 and her master's in 2002. Like Rick Riddering, she entered the workforce before returning to PUC, which she posits, did a "wonderful job preparing her for what the workplace expects."

During the interim between degrees, Robinson developed human resources skills which are undoubtedly helping her as associate director of career services. Like Kristen Harkin, she loves working with students (having taught as a grad student) and this, along with her love for human resources work, brought her back to PUC. She enjoys the long-term relationships with faculty she has retained as an alumna but notes that the transition from student to professional can be difficult.

Clearly, one must like PUC enough to return as a professional. If a student has managed to befriend instructors, administrators, and fellow students, returning as an employee can be very rewarding. Such work keeps one in touch with the faculty who helped them through their degree and gives them an opportunity to give back to the school a bit of gratitude. Even more importantly, the experiences of alumni can help current students find direction and make plans for their futures.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

TIMELY ADVICE...

March 10TH is an important date for you

March 10th is the date your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be **RECEIVED BY the federal processor** in order to be considered for all levels of aid – federal, state, campus-based, and institutional as well as need-based scholarships. If your application is received after March 10, you will only be considered for a Federal Pell Grant and/or Federal Stafford loan.

To assist you in completing your 2006-07 FAFSA, financial aid specialists will be available on College Goal Sunday at 2 p.m., Feb. 12. The program will be offered at two Purdue Calumet locations:

- our conference and meeting facility, the Center, located south of 173rd Street, and
- our Academic Learning Center, 9900 Connecticut Dr., Merrillville (some two miles south of U.S. Highway 30, just east of Broadway Avenue, north of 101st Street).

College Goal Sunday is a statewide program that provides FREE information and assistance to Indiana families applying for college financial aid. Attendees should bring to the workshop 2005 income information, which includes tax returns, W-2 forms, and other income and benefits information.

Assistance received at College Goal Sunday allows students to apply correctly and on time – two key elements in receiving financial aid.

At both programs, the following will be offered:

- assistance in filing online at www.fafsa.ed.gov (available to students who have a completed a 2006-07 FAFSA worksheet).
- Spanish translation.

Filing for financial aid requires an investment of time and effort on your part—but the return on your investment can be substantial! The information on the FAFSA is used to determine the amount of need-based aid you are eligible for during the 2006-07 academic year.

Scholarship Availability

This is also the time to begin searching for scholarships. Scholarships may be *based on need, academic strength (merit) alone or a combination of need and merit. Scholarship donors identify the criteria to be met by potential recipients.* March 10 is also the deadline to submit Purdue Calumet's Merit Award application, which is available at the Enrollment Services Center, Lawshe-130, or online at www.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid.

The process of attaining financial assistance requires your active involvement and commitment. Many of you can attest to the fact that the process is worth the effort. About 55 percent of Purdue Calumet students receive financial assistance, based on need and/or merit, totaling some $20 million annually.

But unless current students, prospective students and their families follow through appropriately on the financial aid application process, they likely will miss out on valuable funding for their education.

Other Financial Assistance

To provide guidance and assistance to families in their pursuit of financial assistance, February has been designated Financial Aid Awareness Month.

In addition to College Goal Sunday, Purdue Calumet's financial aid specialists will be available in the Student Union and Library and CLO concourses from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Feb. 6-9.

The Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts will also host a financial aid workshop at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25 in Lawshe-131. Financial aid questions will be addressed and assistance in completing the FAFSA will be provided.

Additionally, watch this Administrative Update column for helpful financial aid information to students in their efforts to pursue financial assistance for the next academic year.

Click onto the Office of Financial Aid home page

In the meantime, we suggest you click onto the Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts web site: www.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid. Here you will find comprehensive financial aid information. You also can access scholarship listings and searches; application information; and answers to frequently asked financial aid-related questions.

Further information about financial aid and related services also can be obtained by:

- visiting the Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts, in the Enrollment Services Center, Lawshe-130,
- e-mailing the office at: finaid@calumet.purdue.edu or
- calling 219/989-2301 or 800/HI-PURDUE, ext. 2301 (toll free); from a campus phone, call x2301.

What's Goin' On?

A look around

Homecoming

Voting for homecoming king and queen will take place this week, Feb. 6 through Feb. 9. Voting can be done online at calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/life/hcprelim.html.

The homecoming basketball game between the Peregrines and St. Francis will take place at 4:30 p.m. (women's) and 7 p.m. (men's).

The homecoming dance will be held in the Center at PUC at 9 p.m. and will last until 12 a.m.

Student IDs are NOT required at the door. All events are free to PUC students.

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Are you interested in good books, great people, and stimulating discussion? Then join the Chancellor's Reading Circle on March 28 from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. at Kuiper House, the Chancellor's residence, located 1 block from campus. Faculty member, Saul Lerner will facilitate a discussion of the book "The Cheating Culture" by David Callahan.

Interested students may contact Student Life & Activities at 989-2369 or SUL-324E to register. Books are free and refreshments are provided.

Lingua Franca looking for submissions

Lingua Franca is accepting submissions in Russian. They are looking for poetty, prose, essays, travel journals, creative works, reviews of films or other cultural events, photographs, artwork and old family correspondence. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 28. Please contact Arlene Russell at 989-2395.

Looking for college mentors

Join College Mentors for kids and make a difference in a young child's life.

* Partner with a 2nd grade child from Jefferson Elementary
* On campus mentoring program, the kids come to you!
* Participate in group activities that expose the children to Higher Education, Community Service, and Culture & Diversity.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact lis2@calumet.purdue.edu or Student Life and Activities 989-2369.

Live music at The Blue Room Café

Eric Lambert and the Tarheels will be playing at The Blue Room Café on Friday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. Contact The Blue Room Café for details (219) 838-5538.

Hammond job fair

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. The Hammond Common Council & WorkOne Northwest are holding their third annual job fair Thursday, Feb. 23 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Jean Shepherd Community Center, 3031 Mahoney Drive, Hammond.

Alumni Association accepting applications for student delegates

Interested in meeting successful alumni, helping to promote the alumni association and representing the alumni association at alumni events? Then, go to calumet.purdue.edu/alumni/delegates for a 2006-07 application. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 9 to the office of alumni relations in LAWS 322.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, clubs, organizations or departments in "What's Goin' On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. *The Chronicle* does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at: chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the News Department located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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PUC to open student health clinic

ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
Chief Copy Editor

Have a headache? Feeling under the weather? Many students may feel ill commuting to or while on campus. In the past a student's choices may have been limited in dealing with such a problem to sitting at Calumet Falls or heading home. Students now have another option to consider: The new Student Health Services Center.

Cost for visits and some medication will be covered in the student Service Fee.

PUC will be opening the SHSC, a center solely for students to receive medical attention. The facility will be offering medical services and over-the-counter medications.

The SHSC will be available to all students enrolled at PUC. No insurance cards are needed to receive treatment. Cost for visits and some medication will be covered in the Student Service Fee.

"We can provide you with a consultation and the appropriate antibiotic," said Maureen Panares, director of the SHSC.

The School of Nursing, the source of faculty for the new complex, will be co-supervising with the Office of Student Services. Paneras will be a staff member of the SHSC, located at Gyte Annex X25, as well as one board certified nurse practitioner. The nurse practitioner is qualified to diagnose, perform physical exams and give treatment to minor injuries.

Since the complete structure of the SHSC will not be fully ready until May, Paneres added they hope to hire more support staff at a future date. The number of staff will depend on the number of students utilizing the health center.

"There will be adequate staff to attend to the students who initially utilize it. Then there will be an increase in staff," said Vice Chancellor Wes Lukoshus.

Lukoshus said the SHSC will come to much use for those living in the University Village. He added that the health center is not only for the students who live on campus. Students passing by campus or on campus who feel ill are able to come to the health center.

"There may be a student who is forcing themselves through class or who might have a couple more hours until class," said Lukoshus. "If they have a headache they can come in and lay down."

Open house for SHSC will be Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Feb. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. SHSC will then be open for business the following week on Feb.15.

The SHSC will also be working in collaboration with other units on campus, such as the Counseling Center and Wellness Center.

Panares said students may come in distressed with school work and they will be able to refer them to the Counseling Center. Referral will not be allowed unless a student signs a release form, giving consent.

"Despite the collaboration with these other departments, there is absolutely 100 percent confidentiality," said Panares.

"Once receiving consent, we can work with them [the department]. Since they can't prescribe, in consultation a student may need something and the department will refer back to us."

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The Student Health Service Center will allow all students to get medical attention while on campus.

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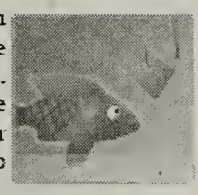
PHISHING - Part I (Help prevent identity theft)

What is phishing?



Phishing is a type of deception designed to steal your identity. In phishing scams, scam artists try to get you to disclose valuable personal data—like credit card numbers, passwords, account data, or other information—by convincing you to provide it under false pretenses. Phishing schemes can be carried out in person or over the phone, and are delivered online through spam e-mail or pop-up windows.

How does phishing work?

A phishing scam sent by e-mail may start with con artists who send millions of e-mail messages that appear to come from popular Web sites or sites that you trust, like your bank or credit card company. The e-mail messages, pop-up windows, and the Web sites they link to appear official enough that they deceive many people into believing that they are legitimate. Unsuspecting people too often respond to these requests for their credit card numbers, passwords, account information, or other personal data.

What does a phishing scam look like?

As scam artists become more sophisticated, so do their phishing e-mail messages and pop-up windows. They often include official-looking logos from real organizations and other identifying information taken directly from legitimate Web sites.

To make these phishing e-mail messages look even more legitimate, the scam artists may place a link in them that appears to go to the legitimate Web site, but it actually takes you to a phony scam site or possibly a pop-up window that looks exactly like the official site. These copycat sites are also called "spoofed" Web sites. Once you're at one of these spoofed sites, you might unwittingly send personal information to the con artists. They then often use your information to purchase goods, apply for a new credit card, or otherwise steal your identity.

To learn how you can spot a phishing e-mail scam, stay tuned to future issues for: How can I tell if an e-mail message is fraudulent?

This and more information about phishing is available at Microsoft.com.

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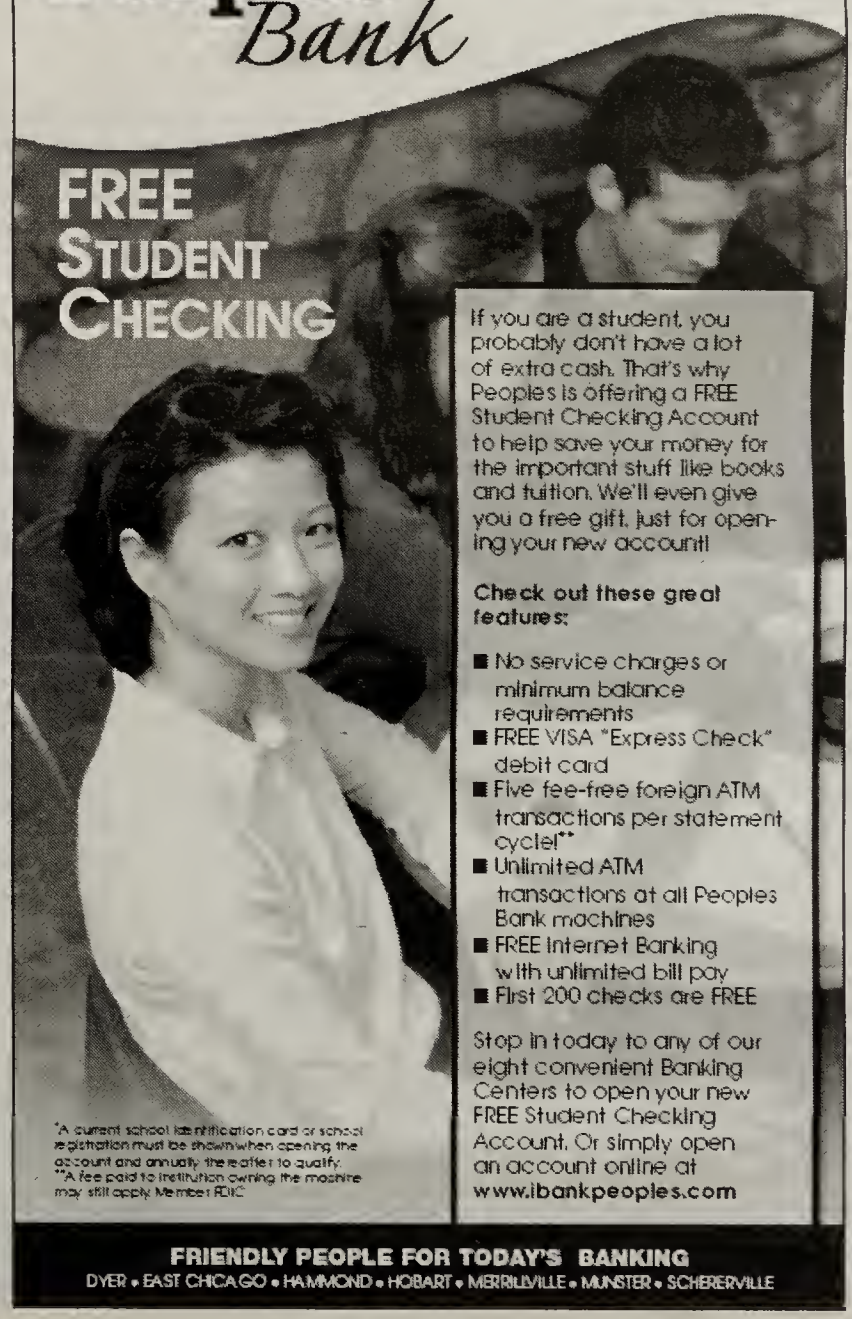

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Take pride in your home

Take a stroll around campus. Come on, you probably have to do it anyway in order to get to class. But we want you to take a closer look (we promise this is going somewhere).

What do you see?

Well for starters, maybe you parked your car in the parking garage, or were able to find a parking spot because there is a parking garage. Maybe you walked across the street from you University Village apartment. Or maybe you drove over after dropping off your child at the Riley Child Center.

Either way, that garage, those apartments and that child care center are all things that many of PUC's alumni never got to enjoy.

Now, go to class. Where are you at? In CLO? How about Gyte? It doesn't matter. A long, or maybe not so long, time ago someone sat in that very desk and maybe even struggled to stay awake through class just like you. But that person didn't get to stop at the Grab n' Go in between classes like you do.

Alright, go ahead. Stop in the bathroom (we are sure you have to by now). Do you see the graffiti?

Head over to Calumet Falls to watch some TV or play some pool, but make sure you notice the broken table in the lounge area.

Go ahead, sit down in that booth over there, because we are getting ready to make our point.

The members of our staff are all students on this campus, just like you. We talk to you. We over hear you talking to your friends. We listen to you complain that there is not enough to do on this campus. Then, we hear you as you complain that the activities that they plan are lame and, "you wouldn't be caught dead there."

We saw you stick your gum under that desk. We read your name in the stall every time we used the bathroom. And we were there when you sat on that table and broke it.

So stop. For better or for worse (and at least four years), many of you will call this campus your home. You will become a part of a family called the Peregrines. You will reap every benefit and suffer from every shortcoming. And when it is all said and done, you *will* leave. You will walk away from this experience with a piece of paper that will open so many doors for you. But no matter how far you go that piece of paper bearing the name Purdue University Calumet will always bring you back to your roots. This is where you got your start. This will always be your home.

As PUC embarks on the celebration and of alumni who have gone on to do great things and alumni reflect on the time they spent here, remember that you are a part of that history and that family. You will forever be linked to this campus.

So make a difference, show some respect and remember those that came before you wish they had the opportunities you have now. Choose how you want to be remembered, and act accordingly.

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Freedom and justice for all?

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

In the first opinion article of my short career on *The Chronicle's* prestigious editorial staff, I wish to speak on terms that are mute within the minds of American citizens. I can remember my senior year of government class, discussing our founding fathers and *their "unprecedented" attempts* of creating a nation built on equality and diversity. I had sat through countless lectures that described Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence.

I can also, remember imagining what our country would be like if we actually had begun a culture of ethnic prosperity. After all, most people know that Thomas Jefferson, along with many other Colonial Governors, owned hundreds of slaves. I guess they believed that to deserve equality, one had to be born into the right race.

As the years carried on "the land of the free" improved as the slaves were freed into southern streets, where they would remain hated by white supremacists and discriminated by prejudice employers. It wasn't until Martin Luther King and the social rights movement, that equality started to become evident at all within our great civilization.

Women didn't even become eligible to vote until 1920 when the 19th amendment was passed. Though, another step closer to our original goal, we haven't quite made it yet.

Today, we are faced with a new issue of segregation. People who are not of natural born dissent cannot run for office. Meaning, even if you are one month old and you came from a different country, you are not allowed to become president of the United States of America.

I believe that this amendment is a laughable one, at best. The world today is filled with Americans who haven't the slightest idea of what it is like to live in another country; Americans whose respect for our country is as meaningless as the Christmas card our mother forced us to send to our loud and annoying Aunt Bertha.

I can remember taking the citizenship test in my high school government class, and failing it just like every other "natural born" American sitting around me. The only person who passed it was a girl from India, who had to work and study hard for her citizenship. Foreign-born children seem to be the only ones who can really appreciate our country's freedoms.

In any matter, the origin of this amendment was a superficial fear of some British General taking office and selling the United States back to the King of England. And we, "The greatest country in America," according to President George W. Bush, still abide by it.

Until America learns the limitations and indignations of this travesty, which undermines our society as a whole, we will always be a land of freedom and justice for most.

If you can't love or accept, ignore

ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

On Thursday, Feb. 2 an eighteen-year-old man took a hatchet and gun into a gay bar in Massachusetts, according to an AP report. After affirming that the bar was, in fact, a gay bar he knocked down a man who was playing pool and swung the hatchet at his face. Three men were injured and one is in critical condition. The under-aged drinker had only one drink before he decided to take a hatchet to a stranger in a gay bar so you can't at all blame this horrible thing he did on alcohol. Not that being drunk would make this in any way ok. The teen also had swastikas and anti-Semitic writings on the wall of his bedroom.

This kind of thing infuriates me like nothing else in the world. There are no words to express how sad it makes me that people are still so closed minded. I had this whole commentary in my head about how "Brokeback Mountain" took gay rights ahead a few years and how happy I was that people of all sexual orientations were going to see it. Not to mention the awards that this phenomenal film has been nominated for. I truly hope that one day movies like "Brokeback Mountain" can go from being a "gay love story" to being "a love story." After all, we have come far since 1997 when Ellen outed herself as a lesbian on her TV show. Just not far enough, apparently.

What we can all do is breathe a sigh of relief that the men attacked in this bar did not end up like Matthew Shepard in 1998. These men are injured but did not die tied to a fence post after being beaten severely.

After I read the story about the teenager in the bar I was venting to my boyfriend and he made a comment that made me realize why I love him so much. "We are human beings first. Sexual orientation seems pretty low on the list of why to hate someone." I could not have said it better myself. I was raised in a fairly liberal household where sexual orientation was as important as what color hair someone had. In my life, whether or not someone is gay is a non-issue and for that I thank my parents.

I know this is an ironic statement but I hate hatred. The difference between me hating those who hate and the people that hate is that I would never take a hatchet to a bar to attack them. I may have a few words for a person I feel is being hateful but if we don't agree I walk away.

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The spotlight's on...

The Purdue Alumini Association-Calumet

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The PAAC has many events scheduled for both homecoming and the rest of the semester.

KATIE ABASCAL
Cub Reporter

Students from the past and present are able to unite under the Purdue Alumni Association- Calumet. The PAAC is an organization made up of PUC graduates and friends. Together, they work to provide opportunities for current students to meet with successful alumni and encourage others to become involved.

Leaders of PAAC include Orlando E. Garcia (President), Tom Mavronicles (Vice President), Barbara Synos (Treasurer), Carolyn Seligman (Secretary) and Mike Moskalik (Student Delegates President).

The PAAC hosts many events, such as Alumni Day - when students can speak with successful alumni in their area of study. In addition, there is a graduation party held at the end of every semester for students of each class. Most recently, this past January featured a ballroom dance called "Under the Stars."

Leticia Toma, director of alumni relations, hopes students will take part in future activities.

Toma added students won't want to regret missing out on all the university has to offer.

Along with their events, the organization participates in various activities throughout the semesters. Some of the participation is shown by presenting awards to outstanding student organizations at PUC Student Organization Awards Banquet, as well as giving alumni pins to graduates at commencement.

With homecoming around the corner, PAAC is ready with a new event awaiting its arrival. They are hosting the Alumni Homecoming Reception & Athletic Reunion on Saturday, Feb. 11. Students are invited to join them for hors d'oeuvres at the Center at PUC from 6 to 7 p.m. Dan Durochik will be the 2006 recipient of the PAAC Bob Hayes Athletic Alumni Award. A group picture will be taken with former players attending the event. There is no charge to attend.

Students are encouraged to attend other PAAC events Chicago Bulls game outing, Dramatic Climate Changes Predicted for the Next 100 Years, Chicago White Sox Warning Track party and the Gary SouthShore Rail Cats game outing.

For information contact : (219) 989-2308

Students interested in becoming involved can do so by applying to be part of the PAAC Student Delegates, which is the association's student organization. By becoming delegates, students will get the chance to interact with the Purdue Alumni Association Student Ambassadors from other Purdue campuses. The deadline to apply has been extended to Feb. 27 at noon. Applications are available online. Finalists will have an interview with the selection committee.

Toma also offered advice on becoming involved with an organization.

"Look inside yourself to discover what appeals to you and then get actively involved on campus in a way that will make your college years truly memorable and special," said Toma. "This is your campus, and your Purdue Calumet experience is as good as you make it."

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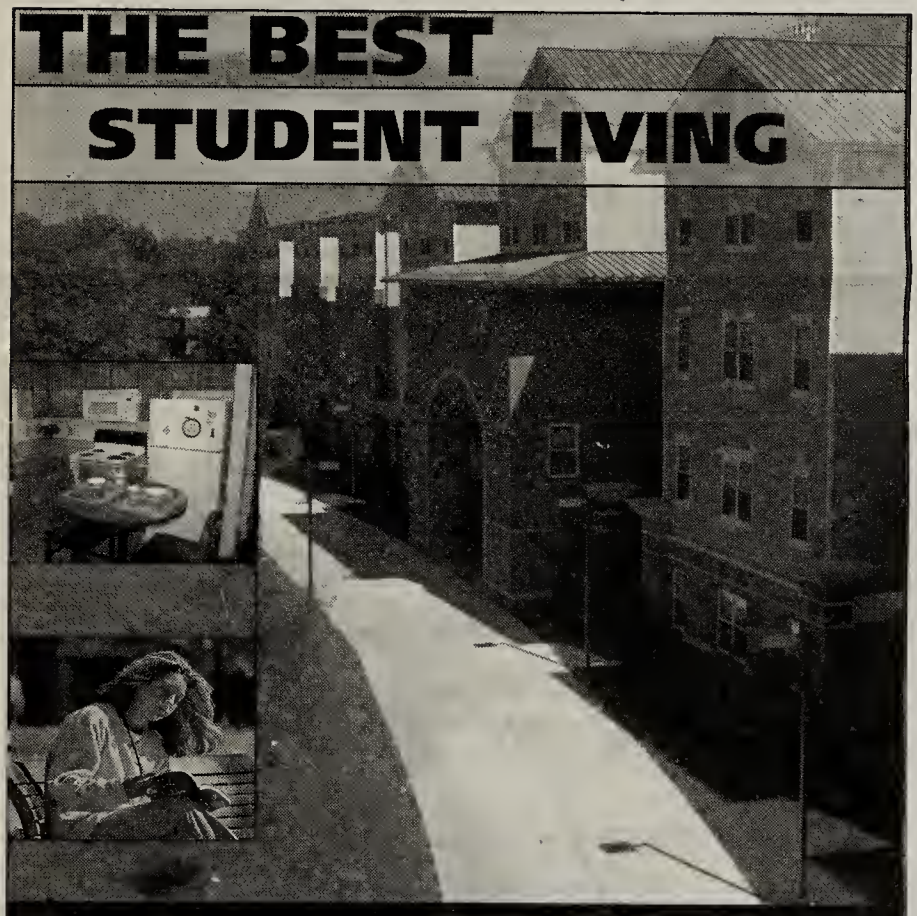

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"Baby" bounces into Northwest Indiana

JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

David Perkovich directs the heartwarming, often funny and always captivating "Baby" at Theatre at the Center. The tale of three couples dealing with pending motherhood, based on the story by Susan Yankowitz, "Baby" shows us that there is nothing predictable about pregnancy.

In the first of many charming musical numbers, we begin "Baby" by meeting the three couples at the heart of the story in "We Start Today." Lovely sets - which serve as transition pieces as well as scenery - by Ann N. Davis and Robert Martin help us begin to see the connections in this university town.

Lizzie (played by the delightful and energetic Jessie Mueller) is an undergraduate college student who has just moved in with her boyfriend, Danny (Jon Cunningham, a master of physical comedy) to a basement apartment when she learns she is pregnant. Deciding to keep the baby isn't much of a question for these idealistic young adults but they have trouble deciding whether or not a baby is reason to marry.

Lizzie is a young woman in love with her boyfriend but holding onto both cynicism developed by watching her parents' failed relationship and idealism that she needs to be unmarried to change the world. "Marriage is an antisocial act," Lizzie says. "No one survives."

But musician Danny - a traditionalist in very few respects - wants to marry her. He's even willing to go on the road with a punk band despite the ridiculous costume (hats off to costume designer Jana Stauffer for a perfect piece of retro-punk attire) he's required to wear, because it means income for their budding family.

Arlene (played by the extraordinary Iris Liberman) and Alan MacNally (a somewhat bland Bill Scharpen) are a middle-aged couple with a large house all to themselves when they realize one night of carelessness has removed their empty-nester status.

Perhaps "The Plaza Song" - a duet between the MacNally's - would be less amusing if it had not been sung as they exercised in their bedroom but it comes complete with Arlene lifting weights and Alan jumping rope.

Liberman is remarkable throughout "Baby" with an amazing realistic portrayal of emotions.

Pam (enthusiastically performed by McKinley Carter) and Nick Sakarian (James Rank, instantly lovable) are in their 30s and lacking only one thing - their first child. But Pam's no typical expectant mother - for example, her basketball team throws her baby shower.

Pam is over-the-top from the beginning, but since Carter does a great job of keeping out of her character's way we are able to see past Pam's overwhelming desire to experience every second of pregnancy (including morning sickness).

Jonathan Wagner steals a scene of his own as a doctor whose new contact lenses result in hilarious communication gaps.

The music - backed by a fantastic orchestra conducted by Margaret James - keeps things flowing as "Baby" deals with everything from the other MacNally kids' reactions to the "Fatherhood Blues." In "The Ladies Singin' Their Song," Lizzie tries to avoid all the women who want to touch her stomach and tell her tales of childbirth. Leslie Gray, Jan Slavin, and Jeny Wasilewski do a marvelous job as the women in the town - and choreographer Stacey Flaster could not have laid out that number better.

photo courtesy of theatreatthecenter.com

"Baby" tells the tale of three couples and the problems that pregnancy can bring.

Comedy and music, drama true to life, and a superb cast - "Baby" has it all.

"Baby" runs through March 5 at Theatre at the Center, located at 1040 Ridge Road in Munster. Showings are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m., (and some Thursday evenings, check box office for availability) Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. There is also a showing on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are usually $35, but students with ID always pay $16. The box office can be reached at 219/836-3255, and tickets may also be purchased through tickets.com or by calling 800/511-1552. For more information, or to buy tickets online, the website is www.theatreatthecenter.com.

Elizabeth's random fact of the week

The toy Shark in "Toy Story" who was wearing Woody's hat, proclaims, "Look at me, I'm Woody! Howdy howdy howdy!" This is a *reference to a cowboy-eating vulture in one of Gary* Larson's "The Far Side"comic strips, from the 1980s: "Hey everyone, look at me, I'm a cowboy! Howdy! Howdy! Howdy!".

Source: imdb.com

Chronicle Top 5 reasons to vote for Michael Finney for Homecoming King

5. Check out that beard
4. He can play three different instruments
3. He is a world-class air drummer
2. Again- check out that beard
1. He never leaves campus...

Chronicle Top 5 reasons to vote for Melissa Batka for Homecoming Queen

5. She is a nice, funny and smart girl
4. A tiara would look phenomenal on her
3. She is the hardest working girl in journalism
2. She is very active on campus
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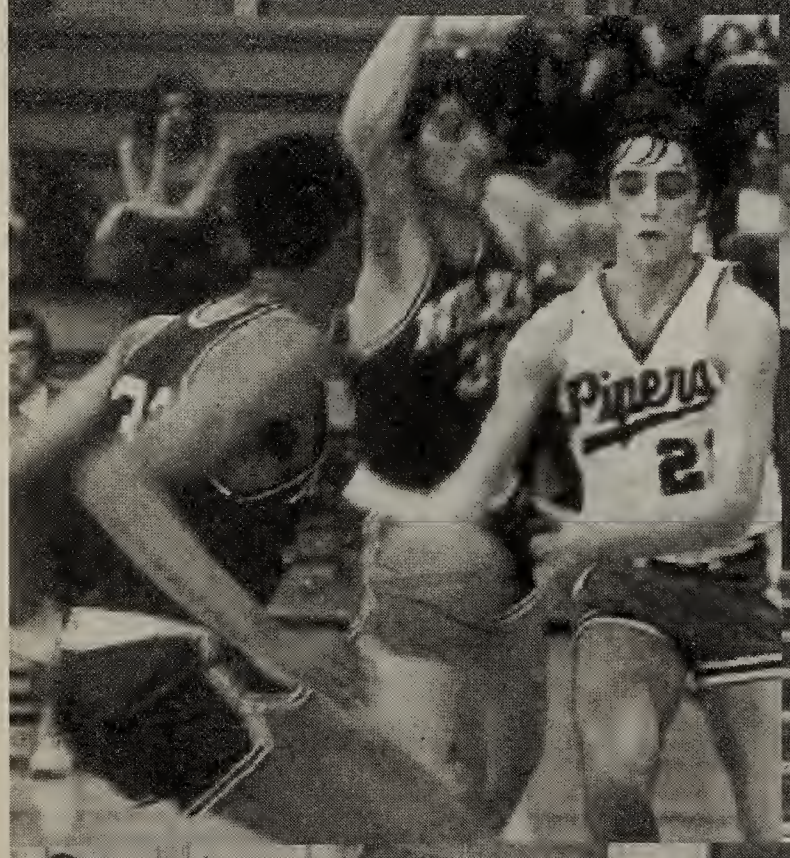

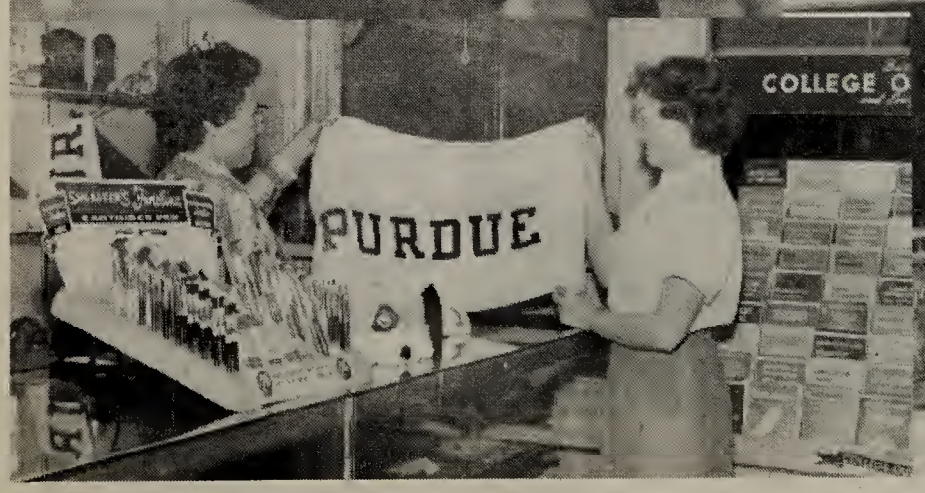

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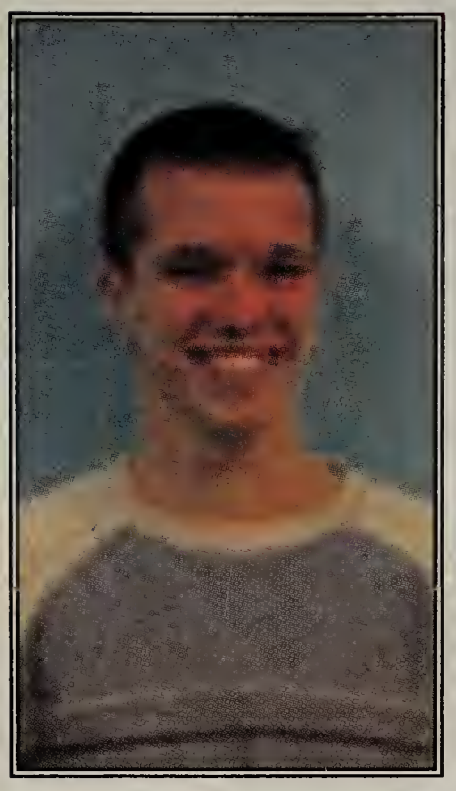

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Should there be any problems with online voting, a vote may be cast via a paper ballot available in the Student Life and Activities office, SUL 324E.

PUC 101: A lesson in campus history

DAVID OBER
Staff Writer

Since this week is Homecoming, a time of merriment and prideful boasts for the Peregrines, we will travel through time and visit the most important sections of the PUC timeline; a journey through the life and times of what once was a war training center, to the sizeable campus that it now is and all the tidbits of history in between.

PUC started as the Purdue Center in Hammond and was commissioned by Washington D.C. to be a defense training center for World War II. Purdue held "hands-on" short courses for defense plant workers that met two or three nights a week for about twelve weeks.

Then as the war came to an end defense centers began to close, but Purdue continued its technical institutes. In 1946 the name changed to Purdue University Technical Extension Center. In 1947 a man by the name of Millard Ellsworth Gyte became the director of the Hammond Extension. Under his leadership the extension blossomed and climbed further up on the ladder to becoming "the world's largest university campus."

Gyte held his position as director until his untimely death in July of 1958. During his time, the very first building was placed on campus. The two-story, 26,000 square foot building was started in 1949. It was finally occupied during the summer of 1951, and classes began at the newly renamed Purdue University Calumet Center. On January 12, 1973 Purdue renamed this first building and its annex for Gyte, who had contributed so much during the early years of the campus.

In 1967, ground was broken for a new building at the once again renamed Purdue University Calumet Campus. In April of 1969 it was dedicated as the E.D. Anderson Building, who was the chairman of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce committee that offered the campus site to the university. This was the first new building to be added to the grounds since the Gyte Building and it's Annex in 1951.

Also added in 1969 was the 1.5 million dollar Electrical Technology Building which was later renamed the Andrey A. Potter Building for the ninety-year-old retired dean.

In 1971, the six million dollar, 155,000 square foot Student-Faculty Library Center was added to the campus, which brought a new library, student union, bookstore, offices, classrooms and multi-purpose room to transform campus life. The new buildings in turn drew more students and the student body grew steadily over the next few years. The next building added was a 3.2 million dollar Classroom-Office Building which opened in 1973 and was renamed in honor of Charles H. Lawshe in 1981. Lawshe was the person who upgraded the Hammond Extension into a University Center in 1951. Because of this contribution and others across the state, he is known as the father of the Purdue Regional Campus system.

Along with the dedication of Lawshe hall is yet another and final renaming of the university, it is now Purdue University Calumet. In 1978, a handsome set of bronze doors become a permanent exhibit. These doors were removed from city hall after OSHA declared them a fire hazard, and they can now be seen behind the information desk in the SUL Building.

Also in 1980 the Porter Elementary School, which was leased by Purdue since 1977, was purchased and transitioned into PUC.

The very first issue of *The Chronicle* was printed on January, 18 1981. Nearly 8,000 students could read what was going on at the school.

In 1985, the Arthur S. Kuiper house on Knickerbocker Parkway was donated to the university by Yetta Kuiper in memory of her husband. It became the chancellor's official residence.

Chronicle photo by Melissa Batka

Life outside of classrooms and lecture halls is an important part of the college experience and the game room has been a hot spot for PUC students since the 1970's.

The 4.5 million dollar Donald S. Powers Building was added in 1989 which provided 200 computers to the student body. The Gene Stratton-Porter Hall began its 3.1 million dollar renovation in 1994 and when finished the building was opened to several campus departments, including communications and creative arts, behavioral sciences, women's studies and ROTC.

Later the Anderson Building was rendered unusable during the removal of toxic asbestos from the interior, while the CLO was completed. Just last semester PUC opened its residential housing, the University Village, rendering PUC no longer a commuter campus. The university also finished its three-story parking garage for use last semester.

So this is the end of a journey that has lasted over 66 years. A defense training program that was devised at the beginning of WWII would continue to progress until it would reach the esteem of this university.

Many hope PUC will continue to be there for students and provide the essential knowledge to become better people for many years to come.

PUC 102: A lesson in campus athletics

Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

PUC athletics has gone through numerous changes over the years. The basketball team has undergone three names changes: The Pipers, The Lakers and of course The Peregrines, not to mention new uniforms and coaches.

DAVID P. FUNK
Managing Editor

The history of athletics at PUC, while nearly devoid of championships and trophies, still has its share of stories.

PUC has had several official athletic teams since the early '80s including men's golf, men's soccer, women's volleyball, softball, men's basketball and women's basketball. All programs belonged to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics district 21. PUC officially joined the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference in 1990.

Those teams all played under the PUC Lakers mascot. Last year, PUC changed its official mascot to the Peregrine Falcon, or simply Peregrine.

Of those initial athletic programs, only men's and women's basketball remain. Men's soccer has fielded several club teams over the past 20 years, but it all depends on the interest.

"Last year we had a club team," said Sports Information Direct Dave Fanno. "But this fall, there was no interest."

Women's volleyball competed until the fall of 1997, as far as anyone can tell. That is the last year there are any records of statistics kept.

Fanno said that just as with men's soccer, there wasn't enough player interest to keep the program going. Because of the lack of interest, the athletic department has moved the funding allotment for volleyball into other areas.

Softball played a handful of seasons from the mid '80s to the early '90s.

PUC Athletic Department Head Rob Jensen and Fanno are trying to build interest in softball and volleyball, again.

The CCAC has several other schools who recruit athletes in a number of other sports. Jensen has a goal to bring in more student athletes and bring more recognition to the school's program. That isn't without its stumbling blocks, however.

"Of course, it also takes money," said Fanno. "But if we can get enough interest from our current and future student body, there are no limitations, excluding finances, of where the sports program could go."

Each year at the homecoming basketball game, the Purdue Alumni Association-Calumet's Bob Hayes Athletic Alumni Award is given to an outstanding former PUC athlete who has established himself or herself in athletics or another field following college. The award is named after retired PUC coach, athletic director, faculty member and statistician Bob Hayes. Hayes was a member, in some capacity, of the PUC athletic department for 37 years.

This year, the award is going to 1986 PUC graduate and basketball standout Tony Garvey before the start of the Peregrines vs. Indiana University-South Bend game. The game starts at 7 p.m. in the REC center.

Garvey, a 6-foot-6 forward, played for the Lakers from 1982-86 and earned All-District and honorable mention All-America honors. He is seventh leading scorer and third leading rebounder in the PUC history books.

Visit the library's archive section to learn more about the history of PUC

What's new in technology for 2006?

ERIN WILSON
Cub Reporter

Are you curious to know a few things that might be happening this year in the world of technology?

These days, it's hard to find anyone who doesn't have a cell phone. Even harder to find is someone who doesn't rely on their cell phone for everything. From built-in cameras to video capability and e-mail access, today's cell phones are packed with even more new features than ever. Even something considered "low-end" comes with at least a camera these days.

This year, we will likely see an increase in what your cell phone can do, while perfecting existing technologies. Cingular is now advertising phones that sync with iTunes. Verizon Wireless is offering broadband-quality videos that are delivered directly to your cell phone. Also coming in 2006 are cell phones acting not only like the phones they are but also more like mini-computers.

For all of the gamers out there, the Sony PlayStation 3 (PS3) and Nintendo Revolution are both slated for release.

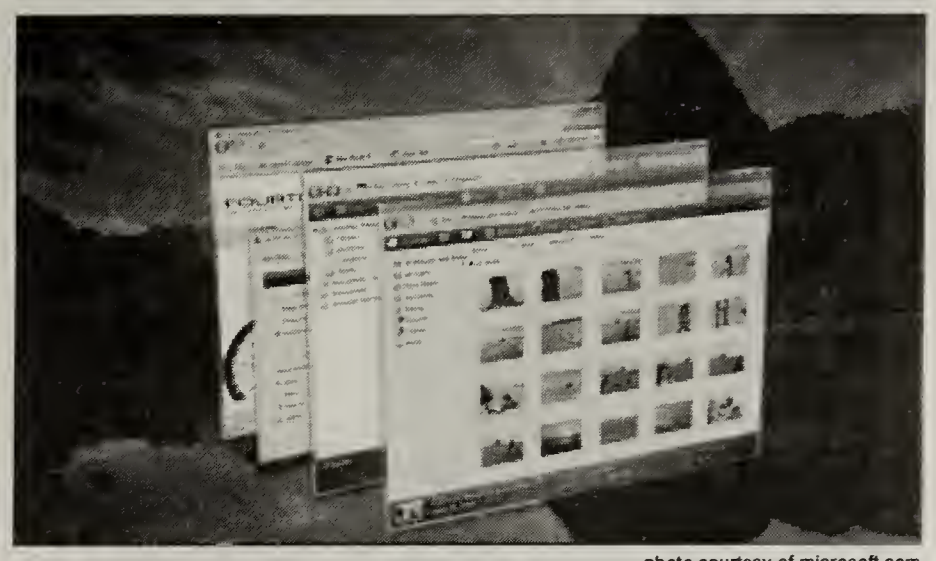
According to PlayStation.com, Sony plans to release its next-generation gaming console this spring. The PS3 boasts more realistic graphics and backwards-compatibility with PlayStation and PS2 games.

Talk, however, seems to revolve around the Nintendo Revolution. Nintendo.com only gives us somewhat of an ambiguous release date - "Coming 2006" but further research on gaming website 1up.com hints at a release sometime mid-year. In addition to better graphics and backwards-compatibility, the Revolution will have a new style of controller, opting for a single-handed "remote" style.

Those interested in the world of computers may be pleased to hear that Microsoft is currently working on the next version of their Windows software: Windows Vista. Formerly code-named "Longhorn," the latest release is currently in beta-testing but it is currently expected to be released soon.

According to infoworld.com, Microsoft is conspicuously quiet about the anticipated release date, opting to state only that Vista will be available in the second half of this year.

Vista is speculated to offer better security and performance. Microsoft states its latest operating system will protect your computer from hackers, spy ware and viruses that could potentially compromise your computer. By building this software directly into the operating system, the company hopes to protect its users from identity theft, while presenting it in a way that the user will understand.



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Microsoft's next version of Windows software- Windows Vista- is one of the many exciting things coming out in 2006.

Microsoft also hopes that its software will be more user-friendly, creating a useful environment for the user while still being visually appealing.

Whether you're a gamer, a computer nerd or addicted to your cell phone, 2006 will hopefully prove to be exciting in the world of technology.

Homecoming 2006 - Save the Date!
Saturday, February 11

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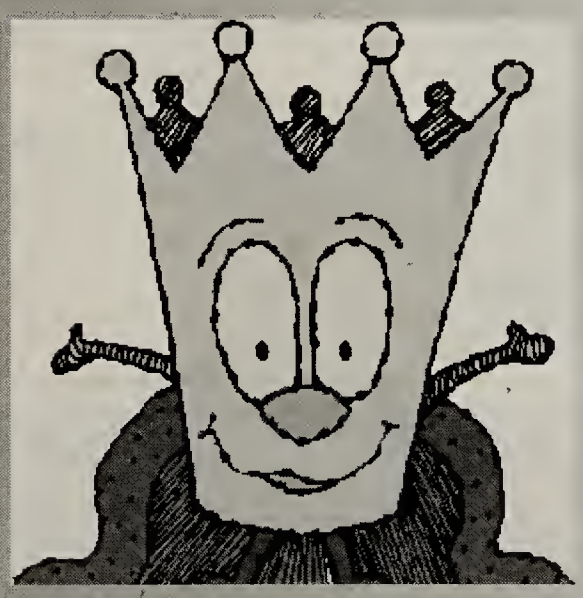
Men's Basketball Game
PUC vs. University of St. Francis 7:00 p.m.

Homecoming Dance - 9:00 p.m., The Center



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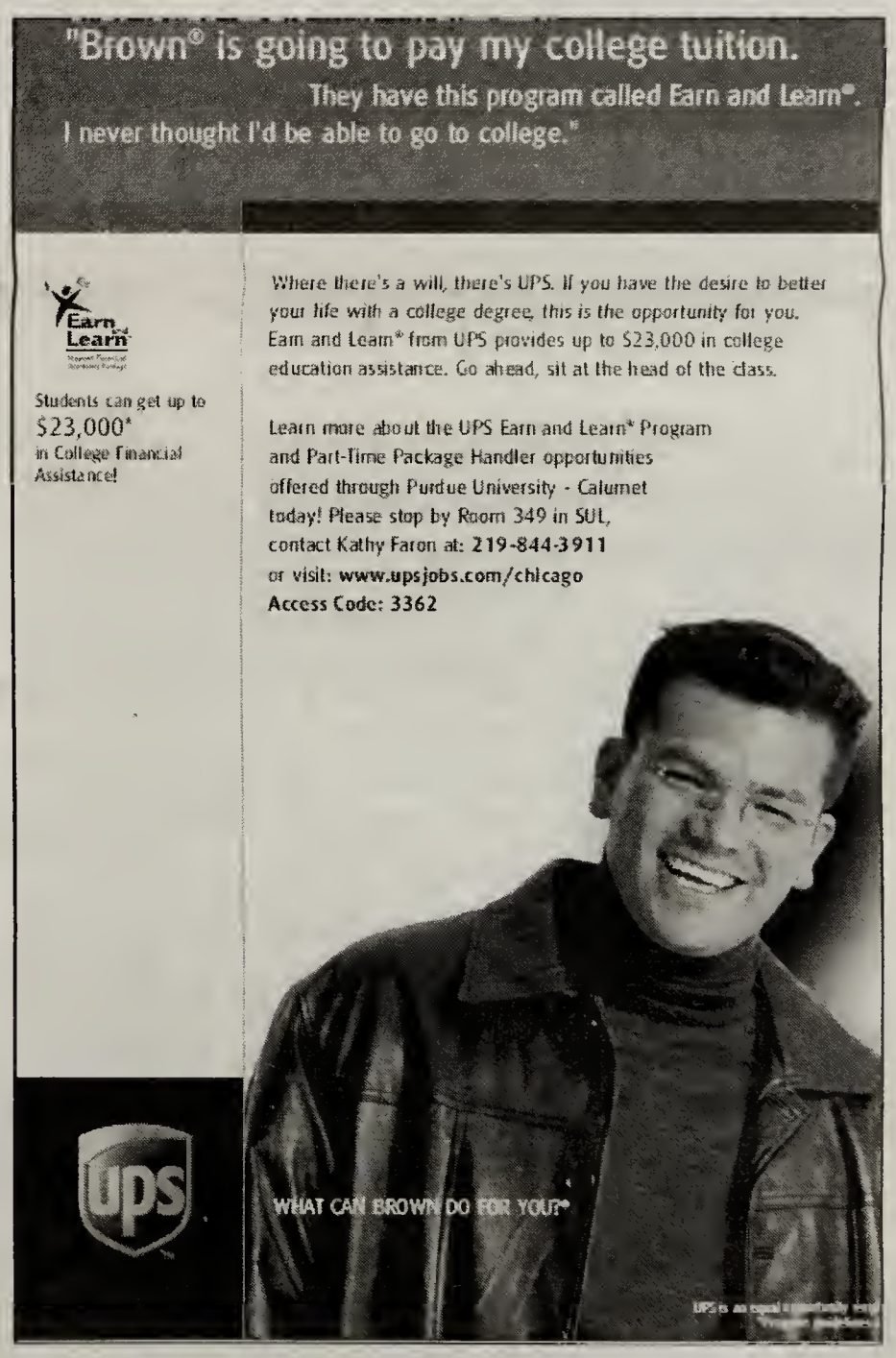
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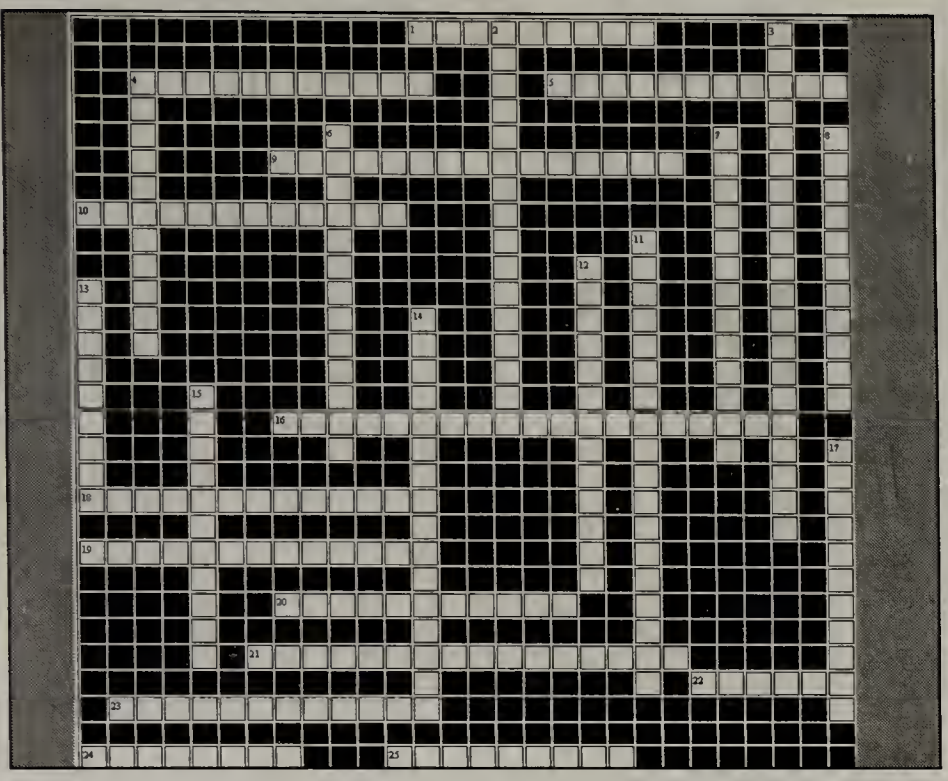


TV theme song lyrics. Which show are these lyrics from?

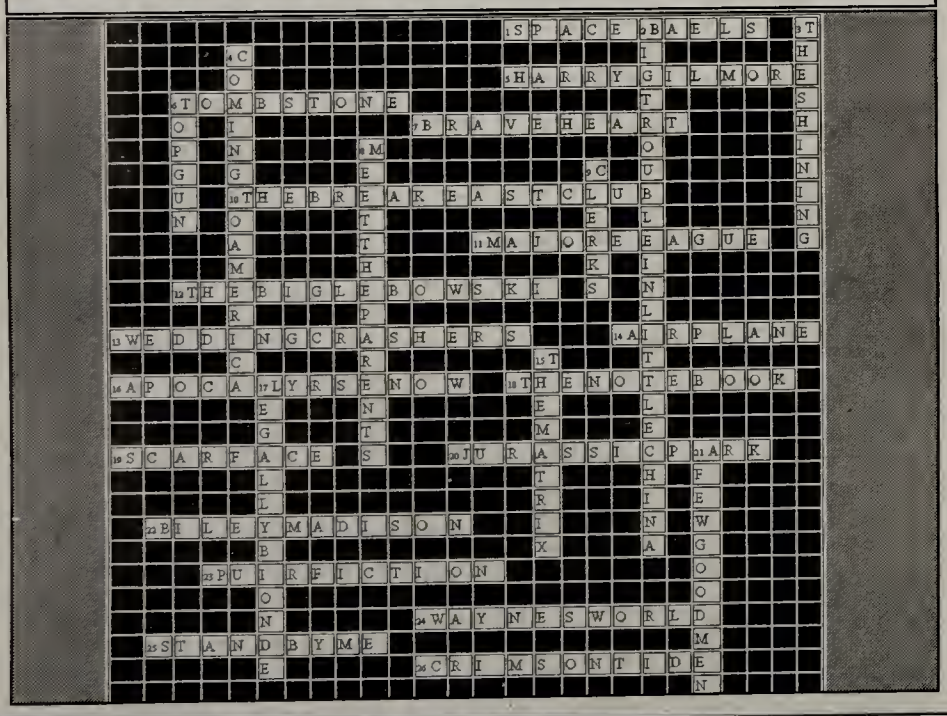
Across

1. Put your hand in mine. I can see part of me in you.
4. What did we do, baby, without us?
5. I want a happy ending. I'm tired of pretending.
9. New boy in the neighborhood, lives downstairs and it's understood.
10. Don't waste another minute on your crying.
16. Try, try, try to seperate them. It's an illusion.
18. Fish don't fry in the kitchen. Beans don't burn on the grill.
19. I see the girl that turns my world around.
20. Thank you for being a friend.
21. A man is born, he's a man of means.
22. Making your way in the world today *takes everything you've got.*
23. Hopin' to find, we're two of a kind. Making a go and Making it grow.
24. Then came you. It was you. Me and you.
25. Whatever happened to predictability?

Down

2. I'm living on the air in Cincinnati
3. Believe it or not, I'm walking on air.
4. You take the good, you take the bad, you take them both and then you have...
6. Love and tradition of the grand design, some people say it's even harder to find.
7. Just two good ol' boys. Wouldn't change if they could.
8. Life is more than mere survival. We just might live the goodlife, yet.
11. Hangin' with my man, he's oh so fine.
12. Come and knock on our door. We've been waiting for you.
13. Life goes on, and so do we.
14. Standing tall, on the wings of my dream.
15. What would you do if I sang out tune?
17. A brand new life around the bend

Last week's crossword answers



Weekly weather forecast

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Sunny/Windy 36/26
0% chance of precipitation

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February 7
Mostly Sunny 35/27
10% chance of precipitation

Wednesday
February 8
a.m. clouds, p.m. sun 30/23
20% chance of precipitation

Thursday
February 9
Mostly Cloudy 32/30
20% chance of precipitation

Friday
February 10
Snow Showers 32/26
30% chance of precipitation

Saturday
February 11
Flurries 29/20
30% chance of precipitation

Sunday
February 12
Snow showers 27/23
30% chance of precipitation

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Peregrines Holla Back...

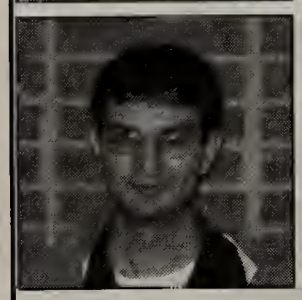
Is the quality of education at PUC worth the money you're spending on it?

"West Lafayette costs one third more, so it's not that bad in comparison. International student fees are steep, though."

Rajan Bhatia, computer engineering, senior

"Yes, to some extent. I've been to different schools and the quality stands up."

Dawn Simonson, communication, graduate student



"No, I feel like I spent my money on classes that are pointless."

Tariq Qaisrani, history, sophomore

Holla back at *The Chronicle*
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Police Beat

1/09/06 University Village

Officer responded in reference to a complaint of subjects smoking inside one of the dorm rooms.

1/17/06 K Building

Victim stated they were playing basketball and they felt light headed and passed out. Hammond ambulance responded and transported to Saint Margaret Hospital for a check up.

1/17/06 University Village

Officer responded in reference to a subject possibly having a controlled substance in their possession. Upon checking the officers located a bag containing a possible controlled substance. Incident is currently under investigation.

1/17/02 University Village

Officer was called to student village to stand by while a student was being evaluated by an employee of Tri-City Mental Health.

Texas Hold 'em; gift of good fortune

MIKE HERNANDEZ
Cub Reporter

Texas Hold 'em is game enjoyed by young and old alike. PUC's intramural games began last week.

Like any addicting hobby, a convenient location borders on luxury. You don't need a room full of billowing cigarette smoke to immerse yourself into this game. No, a random hallway in the Fitness Center will surely suffice. Some will say that this casualness is the beauty of Texas hold 'em, a relatively simplistic card game that appeals to poker veterans and amateurs, alike.

Whether this intense card competition transpires within the city limits of a gamblers' paradise or in the recreation room of the neighborhood poker aficionado, each participant remains enthralled by the unpredictable nature of Texas hold 'em. Some will say that this is where the danger kicks in.

Seemingly, it happened out of nowhere. A few years ago, all across the country whispers began to circulate regarding what some referred to as the latest fad. Teenagers were racing to the homes of their buddies to play Texas hold 'em and those who failed to escape the unrelenting grip of their parents merely tuned in to ESPN to watch The World Series of Poker. Eventually, some of these same parents created a large uproar regarding the ethics of poker, did it condone gambling by its very nature; or was it a harmless hobby, efficient for avoiding competing vices? "I enjoy non-money tournaments for their social aspects," as veteran player Dan Bruce, who first became curious regarding Texas Hold 'em while in Las Vegas, implicates, "When gambling is involved the game becomes bitter and more intense." The prolific growth and marketability which has arisen unmistakably is what everyone seems to agree on. Since, the game first emerged into the consciousness of the public, dozens if not hundreds, of books and websites offering tutelage on Texas hold 'em have come into existenee.

All public controversy aside, poker is a game made up with just as much jargon as the next sport. It is synonymous with bluffing, and as with any competition participants usually attempt to use any advantage that may present itself during the course of a contest. The term "tells" should be familiar to any seasoned poker player.

The term entails a strategy some players use involving the constant scrutinizing of the non-verbal communication emitted from opponents such as facial expressions, eye movement, twitching, or even an accidental knowing glace.

"I am so bad at bluffing, it's not even funny but you can definitely read people's faces," admitted Valerie Emigh, the winner of the January 31 competition and who has two years of experience. Bruce called bluffing "huge" and asserted that "it could win the game." So does this mean Texas Hold 'em is all about skill or does lady luck cast the deciding ballot?

"50/50 all the way...depending on how you play your cards" added Dan during our post-game interview. "You ean get pretty far but if the other guy has multiple aces he has an advantage." As for Texas Hold 'em's prospects as a spectator event, both players agreed that it had the potential for success if the viewer is familiar with, or can observe the raw emotion coaxed by the unpredictability of the game.

Those readers who are intrigued by the Texas Hold 'em phenomenon can satiate their curiosity by participating in one of the weekly intramural tournaments held at PUC. The tournament will culminate with all weekly winners squaring off in the finale later in the semester. Emigh suggests that people sign-up if they are at all interested, citing these small tournaments as "stepping stones." If card games are not your cup of tea, there are many intramural events that may appeal to your interests. Bruce has a recommendation of his own, saying that "intramural sports are a great way to meet people and get involved on campus."

World Baseball Classic set to wow the planet

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The World Baseball Classic will feature many stars from the Major League and will bring multi-national attention to the sport which lately has gained popularity in many more countries.

BRIAN BULTEMA
Staff Writer

Baseball has received the label of America's pastime and has been as American as apple pie; for as long as most people can remember. However, this has not stopped the rest of the world from adopting a piece of our history into there own culture.

Yes, baseball has now become a world sport which is recognized almost as much as soccer; and this year marks the first year in which a worldwide tournament will be held to decide which country truly has the best baseball team and players.

While this is certainly a competition in all aspects, it has been designed to be a celebration of baseball everywhere. Like the World Cup, the World Baseball Classic, which begins on March 3, will be a celebration of the sport and of all cultures who have embraced it.

"For the first time ever," said Bud Selig, commissioner of Major League Baseball and one of the central figures in designing the World Baseball classic, "baseball's best players will compete for their home countries in a global tournament. It will increase worldwide exposure for our great game and promote its grassroots development not only in countries where the game is already popular, but in nations where the game is less known."

While many will undoubtedly confuse the World Baseball Classic as affiliated with the Olympics, this is not the case. This event is a separate celebration of one game and is eighteen days of uninterrupted tournament play. Without a doubt, the idea is that the whole world will be the WBCs audience.

But, the great thing about the World Baseball Classic is that no nation was declined an invitation based solely on government leadership or government style. From Cuba to the Dominican, Republic, and from China to Korea invitations were based on the player's skill level and the organization of teams.

Yes, this event is about the game and not the differences. But, the similarities are that we all embrace baseball.

Even though, the World Baseball Classic is a celebration of the world coming together, naturally Americans will be excited about the competition and players will have the desire to win. The players who have been chosen to represent America were picked because of their cultural heritage, their desire for representing the United States, and for their leadership abilities.

Several players who stand out among those chosen to be on the roster for Team USA include Roger Clemens, Roy Halladay, Dontrelle Willis, and Andy Pettitte as starting pitchers. Ken Griffey Jr., Derrick Jeter, Johnny Damon, and Alex Rodriguez are several standout position players who were selected as exceptional representatives.

Finally, a few Chicago representatives are also making news by being selected. Both, coming from the north side, Derrek Lee will be playing first base and Michael Barrett will be an alternate catcher. Ironically, on the fifty player list their will be no player representing the World Series Champion Chicago White Sox.

The fantastic aspect, though, about the chosen roster is that many ethnicities such as; Asian, African American, and Hispanic players make up a majority of those chosen. As Buck Martinez, Team USA manager, finalized his comments in a recent interview.

"We are a melting pot of so many different cultures. To stand next to one another on this team is going to be a special opportunity for everybody to recognize that we are all the same and we are all represented. We are all united in the common cause of representing the United States."

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I can't take it anymore

DAVID ASHCRAFT
Sports Columnist

On Sunday Feb. 5, the Student Life & Activities and Intramurals Association hosted a wonderful evening of football and fraternization. The event was for the 40th "big game" in NFL history. While the big game is the highlight of the season it can be sometimes followed by extreme emotional lows for some fans, such as the distraught fan that I encountered while walking back to the University Village.

The fan was in the big tree that sits about 40 feet from 173rd St. I noticed movement in the large tree. At first I thought it might possibly be a squirrel but it was too big. Then I thought it might be a bear but it was too small. Then I realized it was the silhouette of a deeply saddened football fan.

I asked this person, who shall remain nameless, what he was doing high up in the tree. He said since the football season was officially over he felt like there wasn't any reason to continue on.

It's times like these that test you to the core. I knew that I was not qualified to help yet I was not prepared to walk away. To the best of my memory, this is how the conversation took place.

David A. - "Are you a squirrel?"

Fan - "No"

David A. - "A bear?"

Fan - "No, I am a distraught fan. For the past 20 weeks I have lived vicariously through the lives of professional football players and now it is over.

David A. - " But it's not so bad. There are other sports like basketball and hockey, well basketball."

Fan - "The Bulls suck. They'll be lucky to finish over .500 and if they luck into the playoffs they will be swept in the first round by the Pistons."

David A. - "True dat, but March Madness will be here soon and that's the most exciting time in sports."

Fan - "I live at the University Village, I can't deal with anymore madness its like a constant fire alarm in my head."

David A. - "But there's also NASCAR in a couple weeks. Nothing is more exciting than watching people go really fast around in circles. And the drivers, they're athletes too you know."

Fan - "No they're not!"

David A. - "I understand. Just don't do anything irrational tonight and in the morning you can go talk to the nice people at the PUC counseling center."

Fan - "PUC doesn't have a counseling center."

David A. - "It's true, it's true. I read about it in *The Chronicle*."

Fan - "WOW!" The Chronicle, that's a great paper.

David A. - " Yes it is. You know I have the Bears 1985 championship season on DVD. I think it might be just what you need til the start of next season."

Fan - "Okay thanks pal, I'm coming down."

And just like that, tragedy was averted. So stay strong football fans, preseason will be here in just a few short months. Until then, the highly talented Chronicle sports department will keep you up to date on the other stuff as well.

Lady Peregrines play tough, but can't come out on top at St. Xavier

Chronicle Photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Coach Dennis Smith talks to his players on the sidelines; as the Lady Peregrines fight hard, but can't overtake the conference leader.

BRIAN KUTANOVSKI
Cub Reporter

Considering coach Dennis Smith and his Lady Peregrines were tremendously outnumbered in the roster, playing the number one team in the CACC was just another one of the obstacles they would have to overcome on Saturday.

PUC traveled to Chicago to take on the Saint Xavier Cougars, who seemed to be ready with a game plan of pressure, pressure, pressure.

From the very tip-off, the Cougars double-teamed every possession making sure the Lady Peregrines did not get up court without a fight. However, when it comes to fighting, the Lady Peregrines won't shy away..

The first half onslaught of pressure by St. Xavier was only answered by pure determination to grind through defenders and still manage to come up with big baskets. Nikki Borys was on fire from the 3-pt stripe, shooting three-of-four in the first half. Linsey Smith also shot three-of-five from the field in the first half, which showed that it was the ladies shooting game that dissolved the Cougars game plan. Only six points in the paint out of their 30 points in the first half demonstrated that PUC had to keep up the great shooting.

Tightly clinging to the Cougars 31 points at halftime, Coach Smith expressed his thoughts, "Last time we played this team at home, we were down by 20 at the half."

With the second half about to get underway, the Lady Peregrines looked confident and prepared to show the same effort as they did in the first.

"If we hold them scoreless, all we have to do is score one basket and we win," Smith added, articulating his comical side.

Unfortunately, Saint Xavier came out in the second half with incredible speed and great shooting, starting the half with an 18-2 run.

The Cougars pressure was still relentless and PUC was unable to keep up with their attack.

"They applied the same pressure as they did in the first half, we just didn't play it as well," said Smith about PUC's struggle to break through constant pressure.

Maybe the fatigue factor kicked in, or maybe it was the Cougars 25 points scored off of the Lady Peregrines 24 turnovers.

PUC could not come out on top as they suffered another loss by Saint Xavier, with the final score 71-56.

Although, the Lady Peregrines fall to 9-14 in the overall standings, they are not afraid to show that they know how to fight even when the tables are turned against them.

Playoff time is just around the corner.

Peregrines

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score many points, but they played a very important role in spreading the ball around in their motion offense; and guarding offenders on their highly touted defense.

The key for the Peregrines success will not come down to any one player scoring 50 points, or even any major triple-doubles. They have proved most successful when they bring a consistent 40 minute attack onto the court, and play the kind of defense which they pride themselves on.

"We will work on defense," said Wheeler. "That's what wins us games." And, with five more games left in the season, all of which conference matches; the Peregrines will have a very good chance of getting back on top of the CCAC.

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Steve Polak inbounds while the Peregrines battle themselves back into the game late in the second half.

Meet the hoopers

Name: Jason Corns # 25

Class: Sophomore

High School: Lowell

Hometown: Lowell

Position: Guard/Forward

Major: Computer graphics

Name: Tekenya Harper #35

To PUC by way of: South Suburban College

Hometown: South Holland, Ill.

Position: Forward/Center

Favorite Food: Anything with Cheese

Super Bowl doesn't disappoint fans

DAVID FUNK
Managing Editor

Super Bowl XL was one for the ages as the Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks did not disappoint fans in the least. What some experts predicted would be a high scoring game finished with a score of only 21-10. Nonetheless, the game was an exciting one.

Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck (say that three times fast) led the Seattle team with 273 passing yards and a touchdown. Hasselbeck spread the ball around, completing passes to eight different receivers. The Seahawks amassed 396 total yards in comparison with the Steelers 339. But it was all in a losing effort.

The Steelers were the favorite going into the game and covered the spread. In what may be running back Jerome Bettis' final game, he finally got that elusive Super Bowl ring. Bettis played in Super Bowl XXX against the Dallas Cowboys in 1996, but Dallas took away the Lombardi trophy and all those rings 27-17.

Bettis finished the game with 43 rushing yards on 14 carries without a touchdown.

PUC Student Life and Activities played host to a Super Bowl Party in Calumet Falls which saw a large turnout. Students were there in support of both teams.

With the Steelers leading by only 4 in the third quarter Trevic Baker, a freshman studying engineering and Seahawks fan, thought that his team still had a chance.

"The defense from Pittsburgh is good," said Baker. "But I'm still confident."

David Morningstar, a freshman studying radiation therapy, was also there to see a Seattle victory.

"[I want Seattle to win] because they've never won," said Morningstar. "Let them have their Super Bowl."

"Every team in the NFL deserves their chance."

Morningstar thought his team was in the process of making a comeback in the third.

Not everyone in attendance was there to see the Seahawks. James Stanford, a sophomore majoring in business management, didn't think the game would be quite as low scoring an affair. Stanford said he was a big fan of Bettis.

"I think they'll pull it out because they have 'The Bus,'" said Stanford.

As the game drew to a close, Steelers fans were beaming and Seattle fans were angry.

"I've been watching all season, and I expected this," said Stanford.

Morningstar chose to play the blame game, saying it was the referees' fault his Seahawks couldn't quite pull it out. He cited the Steelers first touchdown, saying the ball had not broken the plane of the end zone. Morningstar also felt there was a Steelers' offsides call missed, among many others.

Chronicle photo by Melissa Batka

Students take in the big game in Calumet Falls Sunday. Student Life and Activities hosted a Super Bowl party, which many students took advantage of.

"They cheated," said Morningstar. "I felt it was totally unfair."

"Seattle did everything right. I still feel they're the better team."

Baker declined comment after the game, leaving the SUL building on his cell phone looking dismayed.

Big Ten men's basketball final four aspiratations

CALVIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

Over the past few years, there have been many changes made to collegiate athletic conferences. Both the ACC and Big East have seen teams come and go in both football and basketball. Despite attempts by other conferences to become a "power conference", the Big Ten is and has been that power conference without making many recent changes.

Coming into this season, many touted the Big East as the conference with the most to offer from top to bottom. The conference now has 16 teams including newcomers Louisville, a final four team last year, and DePaul. Not to mention the national champions from 2003(Syracuse) and 2004(UCONN). As far as ranked teams the Big East does have its share. The conference is home to the number one team in the nation (UCONN) also the number four team in Villanova. Other ranked teams in the Big East include West Virginia, Pittsburgh and Georgetown.

The Big Ten on the other hand has not joined the trend of adding and subtracting teams lately. Despite that, last season the Big Ten managed to put three teams in the Elite Eight and two teams in the Final Four. At this point in the season the Big Ten has four teams in the Top 25; Illinois, Michigan State, Indiana and Michigan. Wisconsin and Iowa have both been in the Top 25 this season but losses within the conference have dropped them out of the rankings.

As far as head to head matches, this past weekend UCONN traveled to Bloomington to take on the Hoosiers and won 88-80.

It's difficult to predict who will win the Big Ten this year considering how tough the conference is from top to bottom. Crazy things have been happening.

Thanks in no small part to the contributions from Gary West Side graduate Chris Hunter, the Michigan Wolverines are back in the Top 25 for the first time in over five years. Wisconsin, who is said to have one of the toughest home courts to win on, lost to at home to North Dakota State, who is playing their first Division I schedule. Also this past weekend Illinois, who held one of the nation's longest home winning streaks, lost at home to an unranked Penn State team. Expect both teams to recover and string together some wins after those tough losses. Also watch out for Iowa who is leading the conference right now. But the Big Ten is still a toss-up. The top seven teams in the conference are only separated by two losses, so basically anything can happen. One thing is for sure though, after beating up on each other all season, these teams will be tough to beat once the NCAA Tournament begins in March. Hopefully they will still have something left in the tank.

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Jeckyll and Hyde Peregrines work to improve first half play

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

The Peregrines went into the week tied for first place, and after a couple of tough games, they came out dropping three more spots behind the conference leader. They lost their most recent of the two affairs to St. Xavier University 74-64. Though, one cannot blame the losses on lack of talent or determination. The Peregrines came back to make both games close in the second half. But, once again, the slow-starting of their game seemed to be the cause of their shortcomings

"We have been starting slow in the first half", said Junior Minuyard Wheeler, who scored 20 points and tallied ten boards. "We need to play in the first half more like we do in the second half."

And, the numbers match Wheeler's word to a tee, as the Peregrines scored 14 points more in the first half then they did in the second. They also struggled in the first period with their zone defense. They became much more productive on defense once they came out of the half and played man-to-man. They were able to come up with five more steals and 13 more defensive rebounds after the switch.

When the Peregrines come to life it seems that no team can limit them on offense or defense. If they could perform better in the first half and shoot more than 30.0% from the field they could very well be in a much better position in the conference.

PUC was unable to drive through the baseline, throughout most of the ball game. St. Xavier's defense clogged the paint, basically giving the perimeter away. PUC played to their advantage, mostly in the first half, making a lot of three-point and long field goal attempts.

The game also featured some positive points that PUC had been lacking in earlier contests. Kevin Thomas did a superb job of forcing penalties on offense and defense. He made six out of ten baskets from the free throw line, and played some physical basketball inside the paint snatching nine rebounds.

Thomas Mosley and Steve Polak also came away with 15 points each and 11 combined rebounds.

Coach Mike James acclimated his bench much more into the game, as they united with 44 minutes between them. They did not

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PUC challeneges SXU strongly in the second half, but can't quite come back from their large half time defecit.

This Week...

Men's basketball	Women's basketball
2/8 PUC vs Illinois Institute of Technology Rec Center @ 7 p.m.	2/7 PUC vs Illinois Institute of Technology Rec Center @ 7 p.m.
2/11 PUC vs U. of St. Francis Rec Center @ 7 p.m.	2/11 PUC vs U. of St. Francis Rec Center @ 4:30 p.m.

Intramurals

Co-ed bowling 2/7 Plaza Lanes	Air Hockey 2/8 Calumet Falls Game room @ 7 p.m.
Basketball 2/12 Rec Center	

Brandon Thomas' trivia question and quote of the week

Who was the last Super Bowl MVP from either team in Super Bowl XL?

"Who would you take if you were in a dark alley, him (Jeremy Stevens, Seattle tight end) or me? Don't lie. You're hesitatng, you know who you would take. If you took him both of you would get mugged."
Joey Porter (Pittsburgh linebacker) to ESPN

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